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Herger Introduces Legislation to Secure Recreation Funding for Shasta and Trinity Lakes

*Legislation would return close to \$1 million to the lakes
for recreation-related improvements*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Wally Herger (CA-02) introduced H.R. 4084 this week to redirect Forest Service "Special Use Permit" fees that are paid by Shasta and Trinity Lake marina operators from the general treasury in Washington D.C. to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest for use on local recreation projects at the lakes. The legislation would funnel close to \$1 million dollars to the area for maintenance and improvement projects that are designed to enhance visitor experience and safety.

"Recreation on federal lands is incredibly important to the quality of life in Northern California, as well as a boost to the local economy," Herger stated. "This legislation will ensure that close to \$1 million will stay in the North state to fund local recreation projects instead of being sent to Washington D.C. for general use by the government."

"Recreation and tourism are important to the Shasta and Trinity area," Herger continued. "It makes sense for the money that marina owners pay to operate at Shasta and Trinity lakes to stay local for projects like dock improvements, campground clean-up, and boater safety, rather than leave the area and go back to Washington D.C."

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest enrolled Shasta and Trinity lakes in a recreation pilot project, which allowed close to \$1 million to remain in the local area for recreation projects, but this pilot project expired last year. H.R. 4084 returns the authority to the Forest Service to retain marina permit revenue for local expenditure. Examples of projects that could be funded under the Herger legislation include dock improvements and better handicapped access, additional law enforcement, additional restrooms and trash cans, campground maintenance, floating informational signs for boaters, boating safety programs, underwater obstacle safety markers, garbage removal, trail improvement, campground construction, and fish rearing cages to raise and stock trophy-sized trout.

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"This legislation will improve recreational facilities at Shasta and Trinity lakes without the imposition of new fees on recreators. It's a win for marina owners and a win for boaters, campers and fisherman," Herger concluded.

H.R. 4084 has been referred to the House Committees on Resources, as well as the House Committee on Agriculture. On Thursday, October 27, 2005, the Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health will begin considering H.R. 4084. Congressman Herger will testify before the Subcommittee urging support for the legislation.

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